Ms Reid’s Message

Last week we trialled a new recess and lunch break timetable. Instead of having a 30 minute break at recess and an hour break at lunch, we trialled two 45 minute breaks for recess and lunch. We were finding that the lunch break was too long, and in the summer it was too hot for the children to be out in the playground for that amount of time. The children are happy with the change so I will now apply to the Department of Education to have the change accepted.

Included with the newsletter is a survey concerning the educational operation of our school. It would greatly help the staff if you could complete the survey as we are planning the educational targets for the school for the next three years. We would value your input as being a part of this process.

We are looking forward to our Kindergarten orientation and meeting our new enrolments. It is exciting to welcome a new little person into our school. On a sadder note Jack Drew had his last day at Somerton PS Friday! Jack and his family are moving to Murrurundi and we wish them all the best.

Free Birth Certificates
Minimbah Project Birth Certificate applications available from the school.

Hook Line & Sinker
A very exciting fishing day was had by Mrs Price, Mrs Cupples, Terry and the children.
Brendan and Hayley both caught a fish, which were then returned to the river to continue breeding.

Picasso Cow
Next week students & staff will be attending the judging of the Picasso Cow’s by participating schools. A permission note has gone home today.

Day for Daniel
The children all came dressed in red on Friday to remember Daniel Morcombe. We discussed safety and what to do in an uncomfortable situation concerning adults. This is an issue we need to constantly reinforce both at home and at school - the steps the children can take to stay safe...
‘Recognise, React and Report’ if they feel something is not right.

Book Club has gone home.
**Issue 7, 2014** orders & payment must be returned to school by **THIS Friday 7th November 2014** in an envelope with your child’s name clearly marked on it.
Dear Parents and Community

As part of our planning process for Somerton Public School for the next three years I am aiming to get your input into school as an educational facility so that we can make it the best possible place for your child’s education and community interest. It would really help us if you could complete the questionnaire below and return it to the school or to Somerton Road House.

- 3 things that the school does well:
  1. 
  2. 
  3. 

- 2 things that are satisfactory:
  1. 
  2. 

- 1 thing that needs improvement in the school:
  

Many thanks for your honest opinions and the staff and I will examine and evaluate each comment. If you would like to discuss any of these points please don’t hesitate to ring the school (6769 7520) and we can have a chat.

Toni Reid

(Relieving Principal)
Dear Parents,

As the Kindergarten Orientation Program for Term 4, 2014, we are currently organising our Kindergarten Orientation. Your child is invited to attend our 2 orientation sessions in November.

The program is divided into 2 sessions:

**Session 1:** Thursday, 27th November

9:30 am - 1:30 pm

**Session 2:** Thursday, 27th November

9:30 am - 1:30 pm

A statement for the children's immunisation history is needed. Parents will need to provide proof of their child's age when starting school in NSW beginning of the school in NSW.

Children may enter Kindergarten at the age of 4 years old. If they turn 4 years old before July 31st in that year, government schools will not admit them. The kindergartens will also require an intake of 3 years old children if they are due to start school in November.

Your child's name will be put on the waiting list if they do not meet the age requirements.

Phone: 6769 7520

Sommerton Public School

Torli Reid

Relieving Principal

School:

Program, please feel free to contact the
requirements regarding our Kindergarten Orientation.

If you have any further questions

sessions.

packed morning tea and drink for both

primed, all children will also require a

Clothes and shoes, including a wide

Children are asked to wear sensible

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Starting school is an important step in a

Parents
THURSDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER
MINIMBAH PROJECT BIRTH CERTIFICATE SIGN UP DAY

A free Birth Certificate ‘SignUp’ Day will be held at: UNE Belfield Oval, on Thursday, 20th November.

Open to all children, youth and families

- Born in NSW?
- Don’t have a birth certificate?
- We invite you to sign up for a ‘free’ NSW BIRTH CERTIFICATE!

Voluntary UNE Enactus students have raised funds from business, government and others to provide you, your family and friends with birth certificates. Normally $51 or more each, they can be supplied without charge after you apply, through this ‘once only’ opportunity!

Birth certificates are necessary for full participation in Australian society, such opening bank accounts, joining a sporting club, getting a driver’s license, and starting at school!

So, come along! Three forms of identity are required (details opposite).

Minimbah Project:
“ADVANCING AUSTRALIA, FOR ALL”

UNE BELFIELD OVAL
Thursday, 20th November
10.00am to 2.00pm
Contact: 0407820049